

VOTER REGISTRATION CHALLENGE FORM

REASON FOR CHALLENGE

Check the appropriate box below.

- ☐ The individual challenged is not a U.S. Citizen.
- ☐ The individual challenged is not at least eighteen years old.
- ☐ The individual challenged is currently being denied his or her civil rights by reason of a felony conviction.
- ☐ The individual challenged has been judicially declared mentally incompetent.
- ☐ The individual challenged does not reside at the address at which he or she is registered to vote. Under Article VI, section 4, of the Washington State Constitution, a voting residence is not lost if the person is absent due to state or federal employment, military service, school attendance, confinement in prison, or engaged in navigation at sea. State law requires the person filing the challenge to provide the address at which the challenged voter actually resides:

Voter Registration Address

Actual Address

Please describe the factual basis for the voter registration challenge:

AFFIDAVIT OF CHALLENGER

I, _____ declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that I am a registered voter in the State of Washington and that I hereby challenge the voter registration of _____. I have personal knowledge and belief that this person is not qualified to vote, or does not reside at the address given on his or her voter registration record and is also not protected by the provisions of Article VI, section 4, of the Washington State Constitution.

Signature of Challenger

Date and Place Signed

Address

City, State, Zip

PROCEDURES FOR FILING A VOTER REGISTRATION CHALLENGE

FORM

By statute, any registered voter may challenge the right to vote of any other registered voter, up until the day before an election, by filing the attached affidavit subject to the penalties of perjury. The challenger must declare that, to his or her personal knowledge and belief, the challenged voter is not qualified to vote or does not actually reside at the address given on his or her voter registration record.

If the challenge is based on residence, RCW 29A.08.830 requires the challenger to provide the address at which the challenged voter actually resides. The challenger must also declare that, to his or her personal knowledge and belief, the challenged voter is not protected by the provisions of Article VI, section 4, of the Washington State Constitution. This provision of the Washington State Constitution protects a voter from losing his or her voting residence if the absence is due to state or federal employment, military service, school attendance, confinement in prison, or engaged in navigation at sea.

Challenges may not be based on unsupported allegations or allegations by anonymous third parties.

HEARING

The County Auditor shall notify the challenged voter, by certified mail, that his or her voter registration has been challenged. The notice shall request that the challenged voter appear at a hearing to be held within 10 days, and shall state the date, time, and location of the hearing. The challenger shall be provided a copy of the notice.

If either the challenger or the challenged voter is unable to appear at the hearing, he or she may submit a reply by affidavit stating, under oath, the reasons he or she believes that the voter registration is valid or invalid.

The identity of the challenger, and any third person involved in the challenge, is public record and shall be announced at the time the challenge is made.

A challenged voter may properly transfer or reregister until three days before the election by applying personally to the County Auditor.

If a challenge is filed more than 30 days before an election, the County Auditor presides over the hearing and issues a decision. If the challenge is filed less than 30 days before an election, the County Canvassing Board presides over the hearing and issues a decision.

For more information, please contact your County Auditor.